

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

I am writing in response to your inquiry, on behalf of your constituent, U.S.-sponsored refugee relief activities.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has caused some two to three million Afghans to flee to Pakistan. Since 1960, the United States has provided \$100 million in cash, relief supplies and medical aid to the international Afghan refugee relief effort. A major donation in 1962 of 240 trucks, donated by the United States, all of our contributions have been through the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of International Women, and a number of private voluntary organizations. The U.S. Government does not operate any refugee relief program in Pakistan, though our diplomatic personnel maintain contacts with relief officials.

I suggest that upon her arrival in Pakistan, you contact the various refugee relief organizations to learn of their interest in working with the refugees. A valuable source of information about the activities of each organization is the U.S. Embassy's Office of Refugee Affairs, headed by Mr. Thomas Greene.

I hope this information is of use to you in representing your constituent.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable  
DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE  
Charles J. Moorhead,  
House of Representatives.

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